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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 57 is passed. LB 57A.

CLERK: (Read LB 57A on Final Reading.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall the bill pass? Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See pages 552-553 of the Legislative Journal.) 41 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, 4 excused and not voting.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. LB 57A is passed. LB 270E.

CLERK: Senator Bromm would move to return the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The Chair recognizes Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. When this bill went across on Select File, Senator Beutler and I were discussing a concern that he had expressed on General File, and it was this, that in some states in the nation they are finding that they can buy insurance coverage for underground storage tanks that have been modified and updated to the current standards. When we...when we did this bill to extend the date of having coverage under the fund for underground tanks, we did not require the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Insurance to actively look at the insurance question, as we did last year, and report back to the Legislature. In discussions with Senator Beutler, he suggested, and I concur strongly, that it would be wise to insert into this bill again, as we did before, that this year DEQ and the Department of Insurance, in consultation with other interested parties, again report to the Legislature on or before October 1, 1999, as to the availability and the cost of private insurance to insure the damages that could be covered by the Underground Storage Tank Fund. This is a changing industry and set of facts. In December, we had a deadline for all operating service stations to comply with the new federal standards. They had to comply or go out of business